

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated October 6, 2005. Claims 22 to 27 are pending in this application. Claims 22 to 25 have been amended, and Claims 22 and 24 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 22 to 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,630,949 (Yamagishi); and Claims 26 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yamagishi. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 22 as amended is directed to a peripheral apparatus which is connectable to a computer. The peripheral apparatus includes a control unit which controls the peripheral apparatus, and a power control unit which determines whether or not a switch is turned on by a user or the computer, and which starts supplying power from a battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the user or the computer. The control unit checks whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the computer. The control unit determines that the power control unit continue supplying power from the battery to the control unit if the control unit determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer. In addition, the control unit controls the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time if the control unit determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.

Independent Claim 24 as amended is directed to a method which is seen to generally correspond to Claim 22.

Thus, among its many features, the present invention provides for (i) checking whether or not a predetermined request is received from a computer if it is determined that a switch is turned on by the computer, (ii) determining that a power control unit continue supplying power from a battery to a control unit if it is determined that the predetermined request is received from the computer, and (iii) controlling the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time if it is determined that the predetermined request is not received from the computer. The applied reference of Yamagishi is not seen to disclose or suggest at least these features.

As understood by Applicant, Yamagishi discloses an image pickup apparatus 200 which includes an image pickup control circuit 40', a power control circuit 42' and a battery 44'. The image pickup apparatus 200 interfaces with an information processing apparatus 300 which includes a control means 60' and an operating means 66. When an imaging switch in the operating means 66 is off, the control means 60' instructs the image pickup control circuit 40' to execute the predetermined termination processing necessary for the image pickup apparatus 200. When the imaging switch in the operating means 66 is on, the control means 60' instructs the image pickup control circuit 40' to execute voltage detection. See Yamagishi, column 23, line 54 to column 4, line 3; and Figures 15A to 17A.

As such, Yamagishi is seen to disclose that when an imaging switch in an operating means 66 is off, control means 60' instructs an image pickup control circuit 40' to

execute the predetermined termination processing. However, nothing in Yamagishi is seen to disclose or suggest that a determination is made whether or not its imaging switch is turned on by a user or a computer, muchless that if it is determined that the switch is turned on by the computer, a check is made whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer. Rather, Yamagishi is merely seen to disclose that predetermined termination processing is executed when an imaging switch is off.

Accordingly, Yamagishi is not seen to disclose or suggest (i) checking whether or not a predetermined request is received from a computer if it is determined that a switch is turned on by the computer, (ii) determining that a power control unit continue supplying power from a battery to a control unit if it is determined that the predetermined request is received from the computer, and (iii) controlling the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time if it is determined that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 22 and 24 as amended are believed to be allowable over the applied reference.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied reference for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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